## Minnesota Historical Society State Historic Preservation Office

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Stephanie Newstrom Oak Grove Capital 2177 Youngman Ave, Suite 300 St. Paul MN 55116

RE:

Construct Currie Park Apartments at 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. and 6<sup>th</sup> St. S.

Minneapolis, Hennepin County SHPO Number: 2012-2556

## Dear Ms Newstrom:

Thank you for sending us the requested design materials for Phase I of the above-referenced project. The materials have been reviewed according to the responsibilities given the State Historic Preservation Office by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and implementing federal regulations at 36 CFR 800.

We believe the Phase I design is compatible with the nearby Cedar Square West high-rise apartment development, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. However, Phases II and III have the potential to affect 2 historic buildings adjacent to the later phases; both the Mixed Blood Theater located in the old fire station and the John Gund Brewing complex, which is planned for rehabilitation and re-use as part of Phase III. Our preliminary suggestion for Phases II and III is to lower the building height down to 2 or 3 stories right around the smaller historic structures. It may be possible to step up the height of the new construction as it moves away from the Register-eligible properties.

We look forward to consulting with you further as Phases II and III are developed. Meanwhile, we find that Phase I as proposed will have **no adverse effect** on Cedar Square West, the John Gund Brewing complex at the SW corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Street South and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, or on Fire Station G/Engine House 5 at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> St. South and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. South.

If you have any questions on this review, please contact our historic architect, Natascha Wiener, at (651) 259-3462.

Sincerely,

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